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Note for JMM

Subject: Contact with Office of Management & Budget: Retirement Pkg.

On 26 June 1970 the retirement package was transmitted to BOB. After this transmittal we made the following formal contacts with the Office of Management and Budget concerning the status of the package:

1. 15 July - LLM called Alan Johnson and was told that the package had been farmed out for comment.
2. 28 July - LLM again called Alan Johnson on the status of the package and was told that the outstanding report from CSC was expected in shortly.
3. 7 August - LLM called Alan Johnson concerning the status of our package. He said reports from CSC and Treasury were still outstanding and in response to LLM's question, felt that Office of Management and Budget's views to the Agency would be forthcoming shortly after they had received all departmental reports.

The 26 June memorandum of transmittal to BOB did not specifically reflect any urgency. When the package was drawn up it was recognized that the two most important items were in the long run funding and in the near term, retirement quota. The urgency came to the fore after the package

had been transmitted to BOB. The urgency was precipitated by the large number of unanticipated retirements which surfaced in July to take advantage of the 1 August cost-of-living increase. The new dimension this put on the retirement quota picture precipitated our contacts with OMB. Johnson told me that they were pushing the agencies to get the reports in and following my conversation with him on 7 August, I asked if he would call Andrew Ruddock, who heads up the retirement bureau in CSC, to find out what had happened to CSC's report on our legislation. Ruddock had completed his report but said that it had not been forwarded on to OMB because of a shortage of Commissioners to approve it.

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